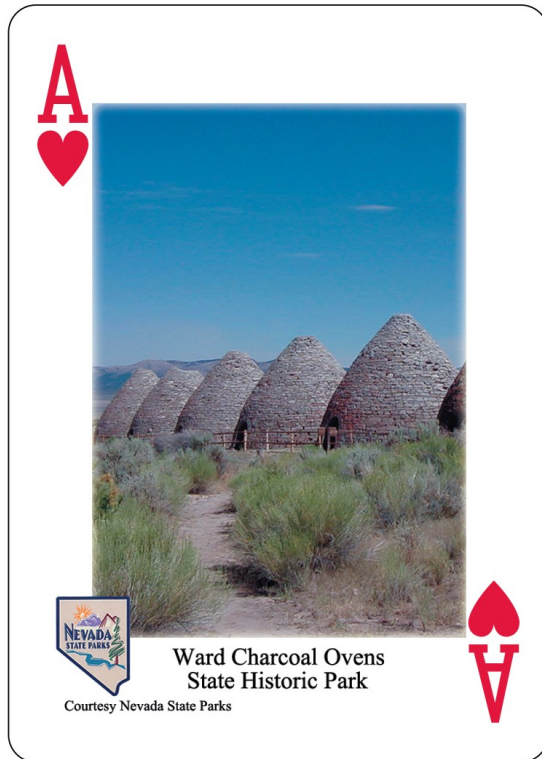


# Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park

## White Pine County



Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park features historic charcoal ovens that served the demand for charcoal in the late 1870s. Visitors can explore these impressive ovens, learn about their many functions since their creation, and understand the importance of their preservation.

Silver ore was discovered here in 1872 when freighters were looking for oxen that were grazing in the Willow Creek Basin area. The Ward Mining District, located two miles north of the park, was then developed. Small claim mining continued in this area for several years. The beehive shaped ovens seen today replace an older and less efficient system of reducing pinyon pine and juniper into charcoal. The Ward Charcoal Ovens operated from 1876 through 1879, the silver boom years of the Ward mines. The ovens were eventually phased out completely due to depleted ore deposits and a shortage of available timber.

A newly renovated campground provides a quiet, forested retreat.

For more information on this State Park, please visit:  
<http://parks.nv.gov/parks/ward-charcoal-ovens-state-historic-park/>

